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In the claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

1. (Currently amended) A film comprising:

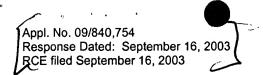
a biodegradable polymer; and

a water soluble polymer, wherein the film is breathable and has a water vapor transmission rate greater than about 1500 g/m²/24 hrs; further wherein the film is porous and wettable and has been stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length to provide a water vapor transmission rate greater than about 1500 g/m²/24 hrs and an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.

- 2. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
- 3. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, terpolymers of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
- 4. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
- 5. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol or a copolymer thereof.
- (6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)

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- 8. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 30% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- 9. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 50% to about 75% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- 10. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 5% to about 70% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 11. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 15% to about 50% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 12. (Original) The film of claim 1 having an elongation at break of greater than about 350%.
- 13. (Original) The film of claim 1 having an elongation at break of greater than about 450%.
- 14. (Original) The film of claim 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.
- 15. (Original) The film of claim 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 2 mils.
- 16. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is polycaprolactone and the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide.
- [17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the film is biodegradable.



- 19. (Original) The film of claim 18 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.
- 20. (Original) The film of claim 18 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
- 21. (Original) The film of claim 18 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.

[22. (Canceled))

- The film of claim 18 having an elongation at break of greater than 23. (Original) about 200%.
- 24. (Original) The film of claim 18, wherein the film includes from about 1% to about 50% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 25. The film of claim 18, wherein the film includes from about 5% to (Original) about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 26. The film of claim 18, wherein the film includes from about 50% to (Original) about 99% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- 27. (Original) The film of claim 18, wherein the film includes from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- The film of claim 18 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 28. (Original) 5 mils.
- 29. (Original) The film of claim 18 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.